

minimum, complies with the APTA Guidelines and which addresses personal security.

Transit agency means an entity operating a rail fixed guideway system.

Unacceptable hazardous condition means a hazardous condition determined to be an unacceptable hazardous condition using the APTA Guidelines' Hazard Resolution Matrix (APTA Guidelines, checklist number 7).

§ 659.7 Withholding of funds for non-compliance.

The Administrator of the FTA may withhold up to five percent of the amount required to be apportioned for use in any State or affected urbanized area in such State under FTA's formula program for urbanized areas for any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1997, if the State in the previous fiscal year has not met the requirements of this part and the Administrator determines that the State is not making adequate efforts to comply with this part.

Subpart B—The Role of the State

§ 659.21 Designation of oversight agency.

(a) For a transit agency or agencies operating within a single State, the State must designate an agency of the State, other than a transit agency, to serve as the oversight agency and to implement the requirements of this part.

(b) For a transit agency operating a system within more than one State, those States may designate a single entity, other than the transit agency, to implement the requirements of this part.

§ 659.23 Confidential investigation reports.

The State may prohibit an investigation report that may be prepared by the oversight agency from being admitted into evidence or used in a civil action for damages resulting from a matter mentioned in the report.

Subpart C—The Oversight Agency's Role

§ 659.31 The system safety program standard.

(a) The oversight agency must develop and adopt a system safety program standard that, at a minimum—

(1) Complies with the American Public Transit Association's "Manual for the Development of Rail Transit System Safety Program Plans" (APTA Guidelines) published on August 20, 1991, hereby incorporated by reference; and

(2) Requires the transit agency to address the personal security of its passengers and employees.

(b) The APTA Guidelines specify procedures for developing a system safety program plan, generally discuss the principles of system safety, and specifically address certain issues critical to the safe operation of a rail fixed guideway system.

(c) The incorporation by reference of the APTA Guidelines has been approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Copies of the APTA Guidelines may be obtained from the American Public Transit Association, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20005-3917, (202) 893-4000. The Guidelines may be inspected at, and are available from the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Safety and Security, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20590, and at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC.

§ 659.33 System safety program plans.

(a) Except as provided in § 659.33(b), the oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement, beginning on January 1, 1997, a system safety program plan conforming to the oversight agency's system safety program standard; and

(2) Approve in writing before January 1, 1997, the transit agency's system safety program plan.

(b) The oversight agency must —

(1) Require the transit agency to implement beginning on January 1, 1998,